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Donnerstag, 8. März 2012, 18 Uhr c.t.

Seminarraum des Collegium Carolinum (Hochstr. 8, 2. OG, München)

Prof. Eagle Glassheim, Ph.D.

(University of British Columbia, Canada)

Diagnosing Pathologies of Uprootedness: Integrating and Dis-Integrating Sudeten German Expellees from 1945 to 2010

In 1945 and 1946, most expellees arriving in occupied Germany were dusted with DDT and subjected to medical examinations and possible quarantine. Even as infectious diseases declined sharply after mid-1945, officials considered uprooted expellees a potential risk to public health. As German authorities struggled to integrate expellees into post-war society, they also feared that refugees posed a risk of political contagion. Many indigenous Germans, faced with an influx of millions of Germans from the East, considered uprooted expellees a source of cultural contagion that threatened to upset deeply rooted local cultures. This paper considers connections between rootedness and health/uprootedness and pathology in post-war German discourse about the expulsions.

Eagle Glassheim is an associate professor of history at the University of British Columbia in Canada. His first book, *Noble Nationalists: The Transformation of the Bohemian Aristocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2005), examines the conflicted and ultimately unsuccessful efforts of nobles to navigate the nationalization of the political and social order in the Bohemian lands from the 1880s to the 1940s. He is currently completing a book titled "Cleansing the Czechoslovak Borderlands, 1938 to 1992." The book looks at discourses relating the health of natural and social environments, connections between forced migration and environmental decline, and ecological metaphors in debates surrounding the post-war Czechoslovak borderlands.

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